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NEAL**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 3-11 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said catalytic layer contains a H₂ producing catalyst component for functioning to produce hydrocarbons, and a NO_x reducing catalyst component for functioning to reduce nitrogen oxides, said H₂ producing catalyst component being disposed on said HC adsorbing layer and including a HC reforming catalyst component functioning to reform hydrocarbons so as to produce hydrogen and a CO reforming catalyst component functioning to make steam reforming of carbon monoxide, said HC reforming catalyst component containing cerium oxide carrying palladium, said CO reforming catalyst component containing zirconium oxide carrying rhodium.